

### REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 12-17. Reconsideration of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

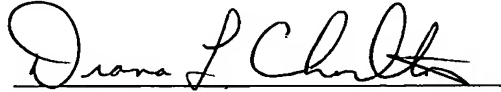
Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's comments and the cited references and, responsive thereto, Applicants have canceled Claims 4 and 11 and have amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 10.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by at least Smedley '274 and Bates '350. However, the Examiner has stated that Claims 4, 6 and 11 would be allowable is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Responsive thereto, Applicants have canceled claims 4 and 11 and have amended respective Claims 1, 8 and 10 responsive thereto. Specifically, independent Claims 1, 8 and 10 were amended to include those limitations that the Examiner stated would place the claims in allowance. Most notably, Claim 1 has been amended to include that the operating parameter is "indicative of an output speed of the transmission". In a like manner, Claim 8 has been amended similarly. Further, Claim 10 has been amended to include an additional step of "delivering a notification signal that the calibration procedure is complete". Neither Smedley nor Bates teach or suggest the limitations now within independent Claims 1, 8 and 10, as amended. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that rejection of independent Claims 1, 8 and 10 be withdrawn and that such claims be provided allowance by the Examiner.

Claims 2-3, 5-7, 9 and 11 are directly dependent on now allowable and respective Claims 1, 8 and 10 and include additional limitations therein. For this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 2-3, 5-7, 9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) should also be withdrawn in light of the amendments to Claims 1, 8 and 10. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 are now in condition for allowance and such allowance is hereby requested.

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is in condition for allowance and allowance of the application at issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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